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REPORT OF THE FIVE STATE CONVENTION OF THE A.A.M.M.

Report of the Five State Convention of the A.A.M.M. held in the Kennewick Social Club, Kennewick, Wash, June 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1957.

Friday morning, June 7th

The convention opened at 8:30 A.M. with an invocation by Rev. Loughheed, with Vice Pres. Pearl E. Hoppe presiding. The minutes of the last convention, held in Spokane, were read and approved.

A telegram from the Calif. Chapter, A.A.M.M. expressing their regret at being unable to attend, was read.

The death of one of our members, Madeline F. Long, was announced.

A letter from State President John A. Murray was read, in which he expressed his regret for being unable to attend, due to a shortage of help at the Wash. Athletic Club.

A letter from Arthur Dinbar was read, in which he gave a report of the activities of the Committee on Legislation. He reported success in preventing enactment of a licensing law which would have seriously restricted the massage profession in the State of Wash. A general discussion of legislative matters followed. It was reported that the state of Wash has a law which gives Masseurs and Masseuses the legal right and protection in the practice of massage, without a license, and without the legal restrictions imposed in other States by licensing laws. This law was amended and strengthened in 1917. The original law was passed in 1906 at the request of the Sanipractors. Vice Pres. and acting chairman Pearl E. Hoppe sounded a warning to all Masseurs and Masseuses against using the methods of other professions and thereby bringing about restrictive legislation.

Due to the small number of members attending this first session of the Convention, the appointment of Committees and other regular business was postponed until the following morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon at which time a group luncheon was served in the Social Club.

Friday afternoon, June 7th

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Pearl Hoppe, presiding in the absence of John Murray.

A general discussion of serious cases and their treatment proved to be very instructive to the members present.

A demonstration on Credopathy was given by Pearl Hoppe. This was followed by demonstrations of other techniques by Pryor Canady and Jess Williams.

Educational films were shown by Jess and Ruth Williams with their daughter and son acting as projectionists or technicians. The films were titled "Healthy Lungs", "The Human Body" and "The Skeleton".

Dr. Mitchell gave a demonstration and lecture on reading x-ray films. A film on nutrition was also shown.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M. A buffet supper was given at the Black Angus Motel dining room at 6:30.

Saturday morning, June 8th

The convention was called to order by Pearl Hoppe, at which time the members present sang God Bless America.

The business session opened with the appointment of Committees. Nominating Committee--Blossom Guntley, C.R. Soper and Florence Taylor. Auditing Committee--Jess Williams, Pryor Canaday and Leston Short.

The treasurer's report was read and explained. It was pointed out that two items of expense, namely, the \$150.00 voted by last years convention as expense money for the Masseur of The Year, plus the money spent for the Wash Massage News with the approval of the same convention, exceeded the total income of the State Chapter for the fiscal year. The above items and other expenditures caused a substantial deficit for the current year, which made it necessary to draw upon the cash reserves of the Chapter. A lengthy discussion followed.

A motion was made by Leston Short and seconded by Florence Taylor that the Wash. Massage News be reduced in size to two pages and not more than three and that it be published every other month instead of every month. The motion carried.

Jess Williams received and read a telegram from D.S. Carlson, National President, in which Carlson wished the convention every success.

It was reported that an increase in National and State dues had been discussed by the national officers. The minutes of the State Executive Board meeting, held in Wenatchee on April 7th was read, in which the Board recommended a moderate increase in dues. A motion was made by Ruth Williams and seconded by Mary Altman that an increase in dues be recommended to the National Convention. The motion carried. A resolution to this effect was to be presented at the National Convention by C.A. Tyler, President of Oregon Chapter.

The convention approved the appointment of a Finance and budget comm. The convention voted to accept a check for \$22.00 from Arthur Dunbar for delinquent dues and to have him reinstated. It was also voted to pay Dunbar's 1957-58 dues from funds advanced to the Legislative Committee from the Legislative fund of the chapter. A check for \$12.00 for that purpose was presented to the Sec'y-treas. by Arthur Mann.

The nominating committee made it's report at this time.

The auditing Committee reported the financial records in order. The balance sheet was marked O.K. and signed by the committee members.

The National Convention souvenir program was discussed. Ten members paid \$1.00 each to have their names placed in a $\frac{1}{4}$ page ad. The members are; Jess Williams, Ruth Williams, Pete Eitreim, Blossom Guntley, Pearl Hoppe, Leston Short, Florence Taylor, C.R. Soper, Pryor Canaday and Dr. Jennie S. Cotner.

A motion was made by Jess Williams and seconded by Blossom Guntley that Mrs. Pryor Canaday be made Honorary member of Wash. Chapter. Motion carried. Ruth Williams was asked to take care of the certificate.

A resolution to the National was proposed by C.A. Tyler and seconded by Pryor Canaday. This resolution would ask for an amendment to the National by-laws to provide withdrawal cards for those paid up members who retire from the practice of massage, either temporarily or permanently. The resolution was voted upon and carried. The resolution was to be presented to the National Convention by Mr. Tyler.

The Legislative fund was discussed. It was pointed out that an increase in dues, plus payments to this fund might discourage new members and have a bad psychologic effect on the present members. A warning was sounded by Dr. Jennie S. Cotner and C.A. Tyler against complacency in Legislative matters. A motion was made by Leston Short and seconded by Jess Williams that the Chapter do not require payments to this fund for the 1957-58 fiscal year only. Payments to be resumed later. The motion carried.

A welcome was extended to a number of Seattle members who just arrived.

A vote was taken and the decision was made to finish the convention business Saturday and to have breakfast together on Sunday morning at the Black Angus Motel.

Nominations from the floor had been postponed, awaiting the arrival of the Seattle members, and were now declared in order. Officers elected were:

President-Pete I. Eitreim

Vice Pres-Blossom G. Guntley

Sec'y-treas-Ruth E. Williams

Directors-John A. Murray, Leston T. Short, C.R. Soper, Millicent D. Markus and Jess Williams.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon for lunch.

Saturday afternoon, June 8th

The convention was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Pearl Hoppe.

A talk was given by Fred Lick on "Analysis of yourself and your business"

A welcome was extended to the director of the Oregon School of massage and a group of her students who just arrived.

Arthur Mann gave a report of the work done by the Legislative committee, of which he and Arthur Dunbar are members. He gave a summary of the talk he had with Major Dohm of the State Dept of Licenses relative to the massage law enacted in 1906 and amended in 1917. The convention approved the work of the committee and asked the members to continue. John A Murray was also appointed to the committee.

A talk, illustrated with drawings, was given by Jess Williams on the care of the colon.

Dr. Jennie A. Cotner, director of Cotner School of Massage, Spokane gave an educational talk on the physiological effects of massage.

G. Stewart Horsley gave a demonstration of paraffine bath for sinus trouble. Horsley is a member of Utah Chapter.

Arthur Mann was chosen to install the officers at this time.

Seattle was chosen as the next convention city, in June 1958. The convention was adjourned at 5:00 P.M. Banquet and music at 6:00.

Sunday morning, June 9th

A group breakfast was served at the Black Angus Motel, at which time a lecture was given by Dr. Edward B. Payne. This closed the convention of 1957.

Pete I Eitreim Sec'y-Treas
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NOTICE

Your Washington Massage News will come to you on alternate months from the National Masseuse, beginning with the next issue. All articles on technique, case histories, etc., will be sent to the Masseuse for publication. Hereafter, this paper will be used for announcements, news, and reports pertinent to the State Chapters of Washington and Oregon
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